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#### Sehba Mohiuddin

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December 1, 2005 12:35 PM

Representative Judy Biggert U.S. House of Representatives 1317 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Representative Biggert:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

A flat fee tax could cause many low-volume long distance users, like students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers, to give up their phones due to unaffordable monthly increases on their bills. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America. The Keep USF Fair Coalition, of which I am a member, keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. While I am aware that federal law does not require companies to recover, or "pass along" these fees to their customers, the reality is that they do. As a consumer I would like ensure I am charged fairly. If the FCC goes to a numbers taxed, my service will cost more. And according to the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation.

I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sehba Mohiuddin

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#### Sharon LeMay

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December 1, 2005 12:04 PM

Senator Barbara Boxer U.S. Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Boxer:

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon LeMay

cc:



#### Willard Hart

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November 2, 2005 12:23 AM

Representative Ron Kind U.S. House of Representatives 1406 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Representative Kind:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Hart

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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### Rose Lagerberg

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November 1: 2005 11:56 PM

Representative Jay Inslee U.S. House of Representatives 403 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Representative Inslee:

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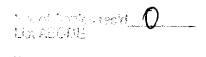
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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Rose Lagerberg

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress



#### Georgina Norris

929 Shawnee Ct., Altus, OK 73521

December 1, 2005 12:24 PM

Representative Frank Lucas U.S. House of Representatives 2342 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Lucas:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me. my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Georgina Norris



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**Denise Millet** 

21 Franklin Street, Ansonia, CT 06401-0640

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November 1, 2005 11:01 PM

Senator Chris Dodd U.S. Senate 448 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Dodd:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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I believe that if the cost of living continues to rise and the pay raises stay the same, the American public will no longer be living happy normal lives. "The American Dream" as we knew it, will be no more...

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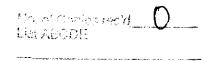
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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Denise Millet

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress



3555 NW Elmwood Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330-1006

Senator Gordon Smith U.S. Senate 404 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Dear Senator Smith:

The considered action of the Federal Communications Commission(FCC) to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee is of great concern to me. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

You well know that USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Your sincere consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated. I Thank you for your continued work, and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

James Dunn

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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#### John Weed

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November 1, 2005 8:59 PM

Senator Chuck Hagel U.S. Senate 248 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Hagel:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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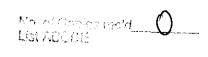
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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Weed





#### MIchael Ray

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November 1, 2005 8:49 PM

Senator Mark Pryor U.S. Senate 257 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Pryor:

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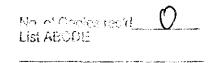
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Sincerely,

MIchael Ray

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John Graybill

209 Fairview, LaGrange, IN 46761

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November 1, 2005 9:42 PM

Representative Mark Souder U.S. House of Representatives 2231 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Souder:

I vigorously oppose the attempt to move to a flat fee for the USF.

I have been following this matter regularly.

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC. This is not fair to consumers who use long distance less than big volume users.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so. That would not be fair, nor is it logical.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Graybill

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

#### Russell Purkey

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13 Hickory Court, Farmington, NH 03835

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Representative Jeb Bradley U.S. House of Representatives 1218 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Bradley:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, and my family, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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I stay informed about the USF issue and I do not intend to be silent on this issue. And I have a habit of voting my dislikes.

While federal law does not require companies to recover, or "pass along" the USF fees to customers, the reality is that they do. As a consumer I would like ensure I am charged fairly. If the FCC goes to a numbers tax, my service will cost more, with no increase in value to me. And according to recent statements by the FCC chairman, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation.

How can you allow this? It's unamerican.

I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax would disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell Purkey

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

#### Linda Thorman

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Senator Dick Durbin U.S. Senate 332 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Durbin:

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Thorman

cc:

The Federal Communications Commission

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#### Paula Riordan

2245 Rebecca Circle, Montgomery, IL 60538

December 1, 2005 12:17 PM

Senator Barack Obama U.S. Senate 713 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Obama:

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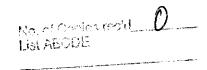
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Sincerely,

Paula Riordan

cc:





#### laura robinson

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December 1, 2005 12:22 PM

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Sincerely,

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#### Evelyn League

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November 2, 2005 6:44 AM

Senator Pat Roberts U.S. Senate 109 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Roberts:

I can't believe the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. This is not equitable at all. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC. Many of us would be taxed for a service we aren't even using while others who make excessive long distance calls would pay only a minimum fee.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Evelyn League

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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**Kay Harris** 

1331 CR 500, Stephenville, TX 76401

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November 2, 2005 4:30 AM

Senator Kay Hutchison U.S. Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Hutchison:

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Sincerely,

Kay Harris

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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# Calvin Cobb

306 South Street, Troy, NH 03465-2321

December 1, 2005 3:42 PM

Senator Judd Gregg U.S. Senate 393 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

### Dear Senator Gregg:

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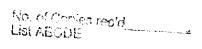
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December 1, 2005 12:04 PM

Representative Steve Rothman U.S. House of Representatives 2303 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Representative Rothman:

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Sincerely,

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# **Melissa Scoggins**

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December 1, 2005 3:42 PM

Senator George Allen U.S. Senate 204 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Allen:

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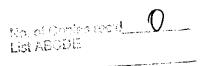
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Sincerely,

Melissa Scoggins

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December 1, 2005 12:09 PM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Clinton:

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Representative Pete Hoekstra U.S. House of Representatives 2234 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Hoekstra:

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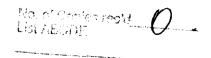
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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Josephine Bedker

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Kay Durman

5072 Cherokee St., Pocatello, ID 83204

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November 2, 2005 11:26 AM

Senator Larry Craig U.S. Senate 520 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Craig:

Sincerely,

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#### **Donald Gill**

3986 Lakeland Rd, Saukville, WI 53080-1318

December 1, 2005 12:04 PM

Senator Herb Kohl U.S. Senate 330 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Kohl:

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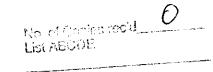
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Sincerely,

Donald Gill

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Sylvia Richey

7410 Lake Breeze Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33907-8056

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December 1, 2005 11:53 AM

Senator Mel Martinez United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

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# Lee Ann Heiden

145 Charlton St, Beaver Dam, WI 53916

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December 1, 2005 3:39 PM

Senator Russell Feingold U.S. Senate 506 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Feingold:

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Senator Arlen Specter U.S. Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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